

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE NORTHERN BUSWAY

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- The Northern Busway will be a key component of a complete busway network for Brisbane that will eventually span the city to deliver fast, frequent and reliable services.
- The Northern Busway (Royal Children's Hospital to Kedron) will allow congestion-free travel and reliability by separating buses from general traffic.
- It will cater for a bus every 30 seconds in peak hour in peak direction in 2016, increasing to every 20 seconds in 2026.
- Improved bus services will lead to reduced traffic noise, congestion and pollution - there are 40 fewer cars on the road for every full bus of commuters.
- The Northern Busway will provide better connections to rail and other bus services across Brisbane from north to south and from east to west.

Delivering the Northern Busway

- The Northern Busway will connect the Inner Northern Busway, at the Royal Children's Hospital (RCH) Busway Station in Herston, to Bracken Ridge via Windsor, Lutwyche, Kedron, Chermide and Aspley.
- Funded by the State Government, the Northern Busway is expected to cost \$777 million (in 2007 costs) to design and construct.
- A Concept Design and Management Plan (CDIMP) for the Northern Busway (RCH to Kedron) identified the preferred alignment for the busway and six busway stations between the Inner Northern Busway at Herston and Gympie Road at Kedron. The State Government approved the CDIMP in May 2007.
- The CDIMP recommended the Northern Busway be delivered in stages with the highest priority sections – Herston, Lutwyche and Kedron – delivered first, with bus priority measures used through Windsor.

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RCH to Windsor

- The section between RCH and Northey Street in Windsor will be delivered as an alliance between the State Government and private sector companies Abigroup (construction contractors) and SMEC (designers).
- Construction of this section is expected to start in early 2008 and be completed by late 2009.

Windsor to Kedron

- The section of busway between Constitution Road, Windsor, and Sadlier Street, Kedron, is to be delivered with the Airport Link underground toll road.
- City North Infrastructure (CNI) has been established to manage the delivery of the Airport Link and Northern Busway projects on the State Government's behalf.
- While the contractor will design and construct the Windsor to Kedron section of the Northern Busway, the State will fund, own, operate and maintain the busway.
- Construction of this section is expected to begin in late 2008 and be completed in 2012.
- Through Windsor, the benefits of a dedicated busway can be achieved using bus priority measures such as bus lanes.
- Traffic levels will be monitored to determine when the dedicated busway (separate from the roadway) is needed through Windsor (expected around 2020).

Kedron to Bracken Ridge

- Preliminary planning for the Kedron to Bracken Ridge section of the Northern Busway is continuing with more detailed planning expected to start in 2008.